

Please amend the present application as follows:

Claims

The following is a copy of Applicant's claims that identifies language being added with underlining ("____") and language being deleted with strikethrough ("———"), as is applicable:

1. (Currently amended) A method for organizing images, comprising:
receiving images from a user;
analyzing content contained within the images;
detecting attributes of features contained within the images;
comparing the detected attributes to identify images having a similar attribute
features to features that were previously identified in previously stored images in an
attempt to match the detected features with features of the previously stored images;
and
querying the user to identify one or more of the detected features;
receiving identification information provided by the user in association with one
or more of the received images;
storing the received images and any user-provided identification information
such that the identification information is associated with one or more of the received
images;
associating images having the similar attribute to automatically generate an
attribute-based album
grouping stored images containing like features together;

presenting groups of images to the user as separate photo albums each comprising separate but related images that can be viewed individually in sequence;

and

storing at least one of the photo albums.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 2 1, wherein detecting ~~content~~ attributes features comprises detecting faces contained in the images.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 2 1, wherein detecting ~~content~~ attributes features comprises detecting scenes contained in the images.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 5 1, ~~wherein detecting time~~ attributes comprises further comprising detecting dates and times of day on which images were captured and using that information in grouping the images.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~further comprising wherein~~ storing the received images ~~downloaded on a particular date in a date-based folder~~

comprises storing the images within a protected originals folder separate from the at least one stored photo album.

9-19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently amended) A system for organizing images, comprising:

means for analyzing content contained within received images;

means for detecting attributes of features contained within the images;

~~means for storing the images in a protected originals folder and for storing modified images in a date-based album;~~

~~means for creating a database for the date-based album that identifies locations of images stored in the protected originals folder;~~

~~means for comparing the attributes of images to identify images having a common attribute~~ detected features to features that were previously identified in previously stored images in an attempt to match the detected features with features of the previously stored images; and

means for querying the user to identify one or more of the detected features;

means for receiving identification information provided by the user in association with one or more of the received images;

means for storing the received images and any user-provided identification information such that the identification information is associated with one or more of the received images;

~~means for automatically generating an attribute-based album that comprises images having the common attribute~~

means for grouping stored images containing like features together;

means for presenting groups of images to the user as separate photo albums each comprising separate but related images that can be viewed individually in sequence; and

means for storing at least one of the photo albums.

21. (Currently amended) The system of claim 20, wherein the means for detecting comprise means for detecting content attributes including faces and scenes and means for determining dates and times of day when the images were captured contained within the received images.

22-23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently amended) An image management system stored on a computer-readable medium, comprising:

an image analysis module that includes logic that is configured to detect content attributes features contained in the images received from a user and time attributes that indicate when the images were captured, to compare detected features to features that were previously identified in previously stored images in an attempt to match the detected features with features of the previously stored images, and to query the user

to identify one or more of the detected features and receive identification information provided by the user in association with one or more of the received images;

an image storage module that includes logic that is configured to store the received images in a protected originals folder in which images are protected from deletion and modification and further configured to store modified versions of the images in date-based albums and any user-provided identification information such that the identification information is associated with one or more of the received images; and

an album generation module that includes logic that is configured to automatically generate attribute-based albums that comprise images having at least one common attribute group stored images containing like features together, to present groups of images to the user as separate photo albums each comprising separate but related images that can be viewed individually in sequence, and to store at least one of the photo albums.

25. (Original) The system of claim 24, wherein the logic of the image analysis module is configured to detect faces and scenes contained in the images and to determine dates and times of day when the images were captured.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Original) The system of claim 24, further comprising an image search module that includes logic configured to search databases of image attributes to locate particular images desired by a user.